

DRAYTON CHRONICLE



to all our Readers, AND to Everyone
who helps get the Chronicle
produced & delivered through the Year



Some newer residents may not have seen the Sutton Wick pond, and its famous Duck House (the smaller one, pic by Stephen Fearnley) -- below is a Christmas Robin (though it wouldn't wear a Santa outfit), but it IS a Drayton Robin (recently snapped by Linda Semmens)



Redundant Christmas Chef

For fifty Christmases at least
I have cooked our festive feast.
Home-made puddings I've prepared,
And no effort have I spared
Concocting several tasty sauces
To accompany various courses.
The table I have ornamented
With scarlet berries, candles scented.
Scrumptious turkeys I have roasted
When all the family we have hosted.
It is an effort I admit
But one for which I've felt quite fit.
But now it seems some disagree
And see what I don't wish to see.
In recent years they've realised
How tired I get and been surprised
That, with increasing years I guess,
My stamina is getting less.
So my daughter thinks it best,
To save her Mother getting stressed,
For Christmas dinner she's insisted
On a plan I've not resisted.
A restaurant table we have booked,
On this idea we're all now hooked.
The menu's good with lots of choice
So all the family with one voice
Agree it's for the very best
To let old Mother have a rest.
There's one dilemma the young might find -
Paying the bill just comes to mind.
But not to worry, it's not so bad,
They'll hand the bill to **dear old Dad!**

Doggerelle

COMING CHRONICLES

The Jan/Feb (combined) **Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday Jan 25th 2019**. The Editor will be **Margaret Inger (07967 730735)**. **Welcome Margaret!** Contributions may be e-mailed (as below, best to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green, **NO LATER** than 5.15 pm on **Monday, Jan 14th**.

After this deadline, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the Wednesday.

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER**, Friday Jan 11th, due to their preparation time.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; It should perhaps be realised that the **later an item is received, the less precedence it gets.**

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS (any doubts, ask the Editor!) All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

1. By **email** to the relevant editor (and please use a **meaningful title**, we get a lot called Chronicle!)

to reach the next editor → editor@draytonchronicle.net

Please remember to check that you soon get a confirmation reply. We do occasionally have emails sent – and they just don't arrive!

2. An **email attachment**, in WORD please (NOT a PDF file!).
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller.
4. **Hand-written? Preferably not, if more than about a para.** This is 2018, should be a way to type and send it?! (= less work & errors!)

THE FOLLOWING Chronicle		
Issue for	Copy Deadlines :- to Editor by (& Agents Lottery Packs the Fri before these)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
March	Mon Feb 11th	Feb 22nd

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RESULTS of the - November - LOTTERY

(Extra prizes of Wine & Chocolates, as usual with this final issue of the year -- & **Grateful Thanks to all who take part, it's a vital contribution to keeping the Chronicle going**)

Prize	Winner	Agent
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Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton Book Group Pervin Shahin

Drayton is a hive of activity, as you probably know, with various groups meeting regularly throughout the month. One such group is our little book club. We are a diverse lot, consisting of three people in the medical profession, two ex-teachers, one social worker, a lawyer and a harpist. Our topics of conversation are varied, and always interesting, the main reason for our meetings

being to have a good social. For a short time during every meeting **we will** discuss the book of the month. This doesn't usually detain us for long, or detract from the main event, which is a glass or three of wine and something to soak it up a bit. It's lucky we are within walking distance of each other!

We take it in turns to suggest books for the coming season, this month's worthy tome is 'Crime and Punishment' by Dostoevsky. I know. I read in some book list or other, that it's a must read for everyone who calls themselves 'well-read'. Well, so now we're well read. In an odd way it's very gripping, though really weird and in no small way quite depressing. At least it makes you feel better about yourself. In contrast was last month's 'This is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay, which was a laugh a minute and made me chuckle all through and cry at the end. Just right.

Books open up worlds that one can't imagine, and let one experience events as if living them oneself. One learns so much about the world we live in, or history through the lives of "ordinary" people, which nevertheless to us are extraordinary.

I'm very grateful to be a part of the book group, which has taught me so much and given me such pleasure, as well as making it possible for me to meet like-minded people and make new friends.

(Pervin can be contacted on email pervin@pervinshahin.co.uk for anyone who is interested in joining the group).



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The 'Friendly Fours' competition was held on October 28th with teams from South Oxford, Benson, Astons, Cholsey, competing with Drayton; after a fine days bowling organised by Jane and Carol, with June, Pauline, & Jennie taking care of the kitchen duties (THANK YOU Ladies!), the final was won by Cholsey, with the aid of two players from Drayton, Carol and Jane, who beat Drayton 'B' in the final.

The afternoon winter league is well underway and 'The Wasps' have made a good start, at the time of writing these notes were at the top of Div one of the afternoon triples league. The Hammers have made an average start in Div two and are in mid table, and will be looking to pick up the pace as the season progresses.

The Didcot Windows open singles is the last internal competition of the year, will have been held on November 26th.

Finals day is being held on Dec 16th this year, when we shall be completing the 9 finals we have been playing for throughout the year, winners will be announced in the New Year notes. The finals will be followed by a buffet supper, and all members are invited, there will also be a Christmas raffle which we hope you will support.

It's with **great sadness** that we report the death of former member, and present associate member **Margaret Sharps**, who was a member for over 20 years, and participated in many of the Sunday internal tournaments. Our thoughts and sympathy are with her family at this sad time.

In closing these notes it's been a very successful 30 years since the club was formed, and we hope the success we have achieved will continue for many years to come. **'Roll Up'**

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CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday only)
	9.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 4th Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Morning Praise is held
Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room
Fri	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (1st Friday)	Church Room

CALENDAR for DECEMBER

Thurs 6th	2.30 pm	**1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
**NB CHANGE of DAY (not Tues!) as it's the Christmas Party!!			
Sun 16th	4.00 pm	Carols Service (NB No morning Service)	
Sun 23rd	9.45 am	Christmas Praise	
Mon 24th	4.00 pm	Christingle	
	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion	
Tues 25th	9.45 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	
Sun 30th	10.30 am	DAMASCUS Parish Holy Communion ##	
NB ## This one is at Sutton Courtenay – no service at St Peter's			

PARISH REGISTER

Wedding	Oct 13th	Edmund Lionel Cohen & Victoria Emma Edge
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YOU STAY – WE PRAY (Dec)

2nd to 8th	Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road.
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Letter from St Peter's (the Ministry Team)

The Christmas Robin

Perhaps you've heard the story about a family who have a tradition on Christmas Eve where the Mum and children go to church, and Dad stays home to read the paper? Then, when the family return home from church, they gather to open their presents. Dad doesn't go with them as he no longer believes in the childhood stories of God coming as a baby in a manger. So as the family leave for church, he opens up the evening paper and begins to read by the fireplace.

Suddenly, he hears tapping on the window. It's a robin flying against the glass trying to get inside to the warmth. Dad has compassion for the robin and goes outside to try and bring her in. But as he approaches, she flies even harder against the window and then drops into the thorn bushes below, exhausted yet too afraid to be caught. So the more Dad reaches for her, the more frantic she becomes. Unable to stand seeing the robin injure herself further, Dad cries out in frustration "why can't you understand that I'm trying to help?"

Dad paused and thought, "If only you understood ... if only I could become a bird, and get you to understand." Just then, the church bells ring, as they always have on Christmas Eve. But when Dad hears them this time, he falls to his knees and begins to cry, saying, "Oh, God, I didn't understand."

All those caught up in the Christmas story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us. It's incredible to think that the Saviour of the world would make his entrance in an inconvenient messy birth in a stable. How would it rate today?!

Perhaps it wouldn't be noticed at all. But God intentionally chose to work his greatest miracle through 'invisible people' like some overwhelmed parents and terrified shepherds. Stumbling from their fields to the stable, smelling of sheep and totally bewildered at being dropped into to the role of ambassadors for God, all the shepherds knew, like the Dad in the story above, was that their lives had been changed by meeting Jesus.

As you prepare for Christmas this year, **why not join** the unexpected assortment of people gathering to meet the baby Jesus? You're invited to come along, just as you are, to any of the services taking place across the Parish (details included elsewhere in this issue). **All are welcome.**

Look out too for the **#Follow the Star** booklets to take home and continue the journey through the 12 Days of Christmas – and we wish you every blessing this Christmas.

The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde
(Assistant Curate in the
DAMASCUS Parish)





Drayton WIVES

The November meeting was a trip down memory lane as we listened to **Tony Earle** who had driven all the way from Harrow to give a talk on the history of cinema, this proved to be a real treat.

Tony first took us back to the late 19th Century when film was in its infancy and lanterns were used. During 1894 Thomas Eddison made a film that was heavily criticised for showing a couple kissing! The French actually beat us to showing the first paid film performance in 1895, using the *Cinématographe* system invented by the *Lumière brothers*. (Ed's note:- it was at the Grand Café, on the Boulevard des Capucines near the Place de l'Opéra in Paris; the Grand Café is still going, but moved a few doors down).

Tony then took us back to the early days of Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, we all found these films hilarious with their antics and exaggerated facial expressions, particularly Charlie Chaplin trapped in the lion's den.

The Wizard of Oz was the first technicolour film and in 1937 Snow White the first animation, we loved watching clips from these two great favourites. Memories flooded back when the children's Saturday morning film sessions were talked about, many of our members attended these at the Coronet in Didcot and Regal in Abingdon. These sessions often turned into a riot particularly when the film broke down! The talk finished with a sing-song (which was the Saturday morning theme tune) and we all left the meeting with a happy feel.



We now have our Christmas party to look forward to on Dec 10th at 2.00pm in the Caudwell Centre, we are hoping this year's weather will not replicate the icy and snowing conditions of last year, when at the last minute the party had to be called off!

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Drayton Table-Tennis Club

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas from the club to everyone. With winter now fully upon us table tennis is taking centre stage for many of our players. The 7 teams are playing regularly and some are faring quite well. Still a long way to go but there are good signs in Divisions 3 & 4 that we may have some success. The Dashers in the 4th tier are looking towards the top of the table and should do well come next May. Also in Division 3 the Dingos are looking well placed but it is still early in the season with only a third gone by. Our first team (nowadays the 'Dragons') have had injury problems and have had to postpone two matches plus used substitute players to date. They need to get a fully fit squad soon or could be in trouble!



In total we have 36 players within our 7 teams, on top of which we have a number of 'social' players coming along each Monday for some exercise. Luckily they don't all turn up every week but usually we have over 20 in attendance. This does stretch the club to its limit and so we are now turning away enquiries to play and passing on to other clubs in the area. The upside is those clubs will hopefully grow. In total there are 192 Didcot League players this season with the majority of 134 being over 40 and classed as 'veterans'. This shows there is a need for more 'young blood' in the sport but of course there are many alternatives and distractions for youngster during the winter evenings that stops many taking up table tennis.

Several table tennis players at Drayton also play for other clubs in the Oxford TT League and in the Newbury League. So quite often opponents see each other a few times in the season – sometimes playing in the same team! I'm not sure that happens in too many other sports!

John Gould

STEVENTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Save our Christmas Concert dates!

Harwell Village Hall, **Dec 8th**, £10 (£5 under-16s)
Steventon Village Hall (a different program to Harwell)
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WESTMINSTER VIEW



Ed Vaizey's column (Wantage MP; he's presently on the Commons Speaker's Advisory Panel on the Arts, also a patron of 'Kids in Museums')

A number of new measures were announced in the budget last month. One I know will be very popular is £420m to fix potholes in England. A £28.8 billion National Roads Fund, paid for by road tax, is also being set up, the largest ever of its kind. Overall this Budget marked a turning point in public finances. Since 2009-2010 the deficit has fallen by four-fifths, from 9.9% to 1.9%. On average, spending on public services will grow 1.2% above inflation a year from next year until 2023-24. This is all brilliant news and I am very pleased that our efforts to combat the deficit over the last eight years are showing results. (Editor:- maybe a couple of things still to do though).

Once again UTC Oxfordshire in Didcot is proving itself a trailblazer for UK secondary schools. Last month they officially opened a state-of-the-art cryogenics laboratory, in what's believed to be a first for a UK school. Ahead of the first set of projects in November, students will visit the world-class facilities of the Science and Technology Facilities Council – in Harwell Campus – to find out more about the benefits of and uses for cryogenics.

It was a great pleasure to open the new headquarters of Oxford Immunotec this month. Based in Milton Park and set up here as a start-up in 2004, the company is now worth \$450m and is helping fight TB. I was also pleased to visit EMS Physio in Grove and see the progress on Grove Business Park.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 01235 768888, write, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me (quickest) on dicksonce@parliament.uk; Either I or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. See www.vaizey.com for up to date news. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at:- www.vaizey.com

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Drayton Brownies & Rainbows

During November, the Brownies and Rainbows joined together to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day. They had a lovely evening making poppies from plastic bottles and paint, tissue paper and glue. They also played a memory themed version of 'Kim's Game' which the Brownies organised, and then the Rainbows had a go at running it for the Brownies to guess. They all did well and were very proud of their efforts, as you can see from the photo.

We'll continue this term with preparations for Christmas as well as making fairy houses and our usual mix of games and songs.

Brownies, for girls aged 7-10, meets on a Wednesday and **Rainbows**, for girls aged 5-7, meets on a Thursday, at the village hall. You can register your daughter or put their names on our waiting list at Girlguiding.org.uk.

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Drayton WI

Ann Webb

This month we had the pleasure of listening to Chloe again. This time she told us how porcelain came to England from China as a valued commodity, only available to the wealthy.

As with the dolls' houses it was not for use, but more for decoration to display the wealth of the household. The more wealthy you were, the more porcelain you displayed, and display it you did, covering every inch of wall space, floor to ceiling.

Until the English potters found out the secrets of porcelain making, and started making English porcelain. It was then reduced in status and was used to impress your visitors at afternoon tea. But not for the masses - until many years later.

Chloe's talk was illustrated with some fine specimens from her own china cabinet. Well done Chloe, it was much appreciated.

Next month is our **Christmas party evening**. Food, fun and chat to accompany our dip into the Santa sack. Always very exciting, **please dont forget your gift for the sack!** That's Dec 13th (Thursday) - at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre.

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Friends of Drayton School

FODSA held its AGM on October 4th, where the following positions were voted in: Chair – Tamsin Meredith, Vice chair – Kate Foster, Treasurer – Michelle Hayter and Secretary – Laura Adderley. Our fabulous long-standing treasurer Michelle will be standing down in March 2019, so if you might be interested in taking up this role please do get in touch.

Michelle reported that FODSA had raised £11,065 from September 2017 to September 2018, £5,000 of which was made at the summer fete. Across the year FODSA had provided each class with £50 towards resources each term, contributed to a whole school theatre trip to see 'Awful Aunty', paid for 'science week' and for three theatre companies to come in and perform at school. FODSA also paid to have the external playground lighting fixed so after-school club pickups weren't so gloomy.

Looking forward, we have plenty of exciting events coming up: December 1st is our **Christmas Craft night** at the Village Hall, the **Christmas Hour** at school is on December 7th, and the end of term **Christmas Disco** at the village hall is on December 21st.

Next year we will be holding a **barn dance** (yeeehaa!) on 9th February (you can buy tickets early Jan) and make sure you have the **summer fete** in your diaries on 15th June! As always, we are looking for volunteers to help us run the summer fete; this is a whole village event and so it would be lovely to have more villagers getting involved. Please email us if you'd be willing to help in any way.

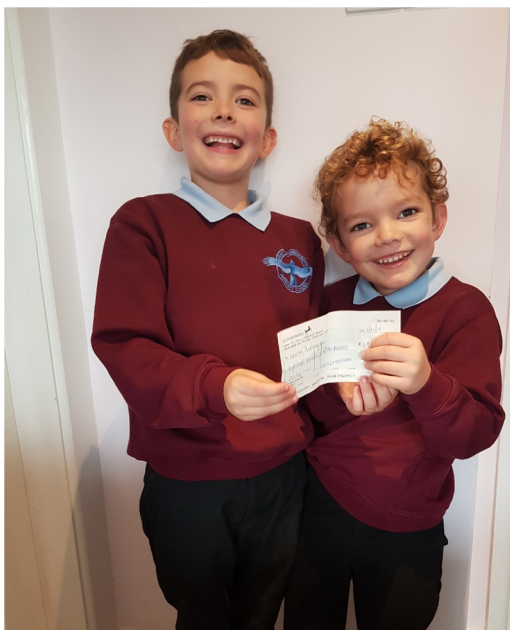
We have lots of other fundraising ideas such as family bingo, treasure hunt, fun runs so please keep visiting the FODSA Facebook page to keep up to date with all that's going on.

A big thank you to everyone that contributed in any way to raising £11,065 last year, let's see if we can make it even more this year.

FODSA 100+ Club

Winners for September were Cathy Champion and Ailsa Henderson both winning £22. October's winners were Adam Turnbull and Kevin Billington, both winning £18.75. Here are Henry and Sam Billington with their dad's winning cheque! If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, please contact FODSA to buy your numbers.

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YOUR LETTERS

Milestone Society – Policy Notes

The Hidden Milestone

Dear Editor, Abingdon Road

This milestone is one of the very few that have survived in its original position and it is very important that it remains exactly where it is.

Moving the mile stone would not enhance the heritage, it would in fact have totally the opposite effect. The mileages shown on it are accurate, I have checked the 2 miles to Abingdon three times and it is indeed 2 miles from the mile stone to the town hall, which would have been the original point from which the measurement was taken.

The 9 miles to Ilsley is a little more difficult to check, due to the changes made to the A34, however it is correct to the crossroads in East Ilsley within a few yards.

Why don't we get it cleaned and the letters and numbers repainted? It would then be a feature to be proud of.

Colin, Carol and Georgina Arnold

{Ed's note :- for any readers who didn't see last month's issue, it had an opinion piece suggesting that it might be an idea to move the presently rather well-hidden milestone – plenty long-term villagers were unaware of it – to a more central location where it could be seen}.

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Hidden Milestone – Publicity is Good

Dear Editor, Henleys Lane

Although I have lived in the village for nearly 40 years, I am embarrassed to admit that I had not noticed the mile stone in Abingdon Road which Maurice Puddick featured in November's Chronicle, and **I am very glad he has drawn it to our attention.**

Milestones were very important to travellers in an earlier age and this one is obviously an important part of Drayton's heritage.

I think we should keep it where it is, but cut back the hedge and undergrowth around it.

Do we have other milestones in Drayton? If so, let's give them the respect they deserve and make them more visible.

Andrew Bax



(Ed:-) This piece was kindly researched and sent by (Revd) Rosie Bruce, who gets a namecheck on page 4 too. And "well done" to Maurice in the Nov issue, for stirring up such a hubbub!

Position & Conservation of Milestones

Milestones should be restored to the condition and position indicated by the earliest records.

Milestones should remain in public ownership with unrestricted public access and good visibility to travellers along the relevant road.

The presumption is in favour of retaining the stone in its original position and condition, subject to proper research.

Safety, access, visibility or road reconstruction may justify repositioning a milestone.



The Society recognises that these preferred outcomes may not always be possible or practicable and follows a hierarchical approach to assessing alternatives. The higher each case can be placed the better; a low option should not be pursued where a higher one is achievable. Where a stone enjoys statutory protection, alterations to position or character require consent (usually from the local authority) against an application with a rationale broadly following the precepts of this policy note.

The positional hierarchy – the milestone should be located on public ground, at a position in the descending order of preference;

1. at its precise original position, where the evidence allows (often where it was found),
2. at the earliest recorded map reference,
3. on the opposite side of the road to these positions if it is safer or more visible (provided the milestone is not 'handed' so the inscription becomes incorrect),
4. within 25m of the original position but in a safer place,
5. within 100m of the original position but in a safer place with much better public access,
6. on an abandoned section of road provided travellers such as cyclists or walkers pass along the route,
7. on a new section of road at the closest distance, when the old road is no longer a through route for any type of traveller
8. outside a relevant public building or on public open space, provided it does not mislead
9. inside a museum.

Factors such as loss of the original site due to redevelopment or road building, safe access for work, hazard to road-users, protection from the risk of vehicular impact, long term care or security, protection from serious soiling or excessive and constant water splash or tree drip may justify a lower option. If this is the case and alteration to the position or condition of the stone is accepted, the change should be recorded in the appropriate historic environment record, together with the reasons for that change.

(Ed:-) the Milestone Society (who'd have thought there was one?) document is much larger, but I've taken the most relevant bits, without including substantial details re conservation.



MORE LETTERS

Support Our Team!!!

Dear Editor, Steventon Road

I am writing to **congratulate Drayton football team**. The wind was blowing a gale, and the rain was pouring as today (Nov 10th) they played at Hanney.



They were playing with gusto, the goals flew into the net, the final count in the late teens! They were dripping, but they were exuberant, well done boys!

Come on supporters!
Judy & Derek Henman

(Ed's note :- I looked up this goals bonanza, Drayton had been playing away in a local Cup game, against a team from a lower division – but to win 17-1 takes some doing against anyone! For those who don't know, Drayton play in Div 2 of the North Berks League, the reserves in Div 4; there are four divisions, just with numbers, no fancy name like 'Premier'! At the time of writing, I couldn't see any fixtures past Dec 1st, but if you want to join Judy & Derek on the touchline to cheer the team on, go to the league website www.nbfl.co.uk then find the 'icon' marked League or Table on the page that appears, click there and navigate to the right division & team. Oh, and BTW, manager Pete Ivey tells me they're always looking for more matchday helpers too!)

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You don't need to be able to read music and singing experience isn't necessary. **It's just for fun and very informal.** You don't need to live in Drayton, we welcome everyone!

We are also looking for an accompanist/pianist, you don't need to be available every week.


We shall be performing at The **Carols by Candlelight** at the village hall on **Sunday 2nd December.**

Join us on **The Millennium Green for Carols on the Green on Thursday 20th December at 6.30pm**, all ages welcome as we join together to sing some well loved carols.

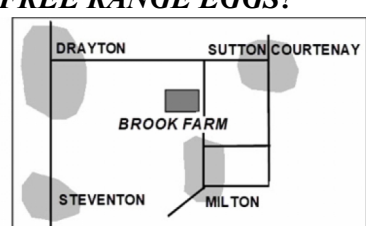
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36th Abingdon Marathon

Dear Editor, via email

On October 21st the day started grey and misty as nearly 800 runners set off from Tilsley Park, but the sun was soon out and it became a beautiful autumn day. Twice, on the 26.2 mile route, they came through Drayton and, once again, there were Drayton residents among them. None of those lining the route and cheering them on could fail to be impressed by the sheer guts and determination of those who participated.

Both of Drayton's runners found it particularly tough going after they passed the 20 mile mark. **Jen Swarbrick**, one of the first residents of Chestnut Drive, had been training with Abingdon Athletics Club and raised money for Crohn's & Colitis UK. **Adam Prewett**, of High Street (a member of Headington Road Runners), had to hobble the last six miles after his knee gave in.

This was the first marathon for both Jen (pictured, with a cheery wave before the pain & suffering got too bad!), and Adam, and despite putting themselves through so much pain and physical stress, they are already thinking about the next one. **Amazing!**



(reporter – Andrew Bax)



Reservoir & Expressway

Expressway Consultation

Following my letter in the October Chronicle, I'm happy to say that I was invited to an invitation-only consultation with Highways England on Nov 23rd, as the delegate of Drayton's Parish Council.

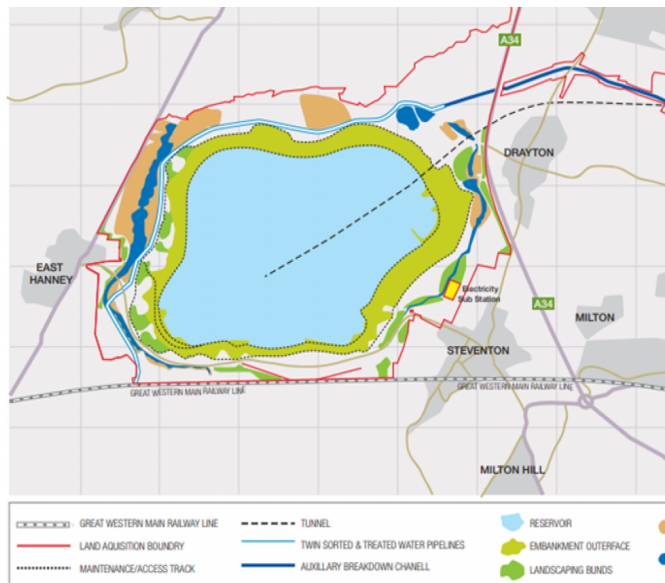
In my last letter, I implored our Councillors (Richard Webber – OCC, and Stuart Davenport - VoWHDC) to get involved. I'm pleased to say that Richard Webber has sought me out to discuss it with me in depth (and even more so that he agrees with me!). He is also pressing to bring about more public accountability for the Expressway, and pushing for them to answer important questions. I'll report back further after the consultation event, also after the Chronicle deadline, unfortunately. (Ed's note, but see the last para).

Reservoir

The word tends to evoke images of mountain valleys full of water, soft waves playing in the shimmering sun. But thinking of the pronounced lack of mountain valleys in Oxfordshire in general, and between Drayton, Steventon, East Hanney, and Marcham in particular, let's focus on the reality, that this plan is for massively wide concrete walls ('bunds') to be raised, eight storeys high – nearly as high as electricity pylons – and coming close to the A34. This will house the enormous amount of water in question.

I tend to be instinctively in favour of improving our infrastructure, so I'd have assumed I'd be in favour of the proposed Abingdon Reservoir (as I'd naively assumed I'd be in favour of the Expressway). However - it turns out that the water in this reservoir would *not* be for Oxfordshire (as you'd have thought, with us being right next to it). Hardly any of it would be for London, and that not until the 2060s. No, apart from a fraction of it being for Affinity Water in Hertfordshire, the majority of it appears to be solely for speculative commercial purposes. That is: touted for sale to other water companies at a profit – albeit that South-East Water and Southern Water have both said “no, thanks”.

If there seemed to be a real need for it, I'd be willing to consider taking the hit, but if it's just for extra profits for Thames Water and a potentially tax-deductible asset, it's a harder pill to swallow. Especially given that it'll be paid for on our bills, and there would be massive HGV traffic down the Hanney Road for at least eight or nine years (at least until that road was underwater, see the suggested new one down near the railway on the map below).



(Ed: Looking at this map, TW should be banned from any plan, if they can't spell Acquisition, Boundary, Auxiliary & Channel?!)

Risks

Personally, as an engineer, I'm nervous about the way they seem to have glossed over employing a design like this which, to my knowledge, hasn't been employed anywhere else in Europe and could put a lot of stress on the clay subsoil below (the 150 million cubic metres of water would have about five times the weight of the entire town of Swindon). Especially as they haven't built a bunded reservoir before, and there's none like this in the country anywhere near the size. Having an eighty-foot head of water poised above me does make me a little bit apprehensive. Tie this in with the floodplain issue below – well, I'm a good swimmer, but still...

Floodplain

The area in the map under the blue water (the reservoir proper) is a **key floodplain for our area**. Farm land is superb for allowing water to just drain away into the ground; anything involving concrete isn't. It's one reason why other suggestions for that area have been rejected before, such as a housebuilding programme (rejected as it's hard to approve such things when you know the residents will be swimming to their cars fairly regularly) and an airport (rejected as seaplanes are on the way out these days). With that massively heavy reservoir sitting there and concrete bunds rising high, flood water will likely spill in other directions and could cause regular flooding where there's been none before. And as the area comes right up to the gardens of all three villages in question, it's fair to be rather apprehensive about it, especially as Thames Water have yet to come up with a flood mitigation design.

Public Consultation?

I do want to improve our infrastructure, but this again appears to be another example of a megaproject that will damage the area for negligible benefit. There are so many better things we could do for the money it would take and for the disruption it would cause. However, this take on it may be wrong; we might be being unfair on TW. (Ed:- no, Tarantino was right, think Reservoir Dogs).

So, as with the Expressway, the proposers **should face public scrutiny and answer the questions** their proposal raises. Smaller (less profitable) projects are available that would provide faster and more reliable outcomes. The Parish Council are requesting a public consultation on this, and I know from earlier discussions that Richard Webber is pressing for this with OCC. It would be very useful if Stuart Davenport would do similarly in the VoWHDC.

Derek Stork of GARD has been assiduous in updating the Parish Councils in the region, and has urged that people with concerns on this should write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, as direct pressure may well be needed to force a public inquiry (the last one, a few years back, caused Thames Water to step back from the project, they've recently revived it). Indeed, even if you're in favour of the proposal, it would be useful to secure a public consultation to at least answer the questions on the flood risk, design concerns, and actual need.

Andy Cooke

Expressway Update . . (rest to follow in the next issue)

. . . is indeed too big to include, as this issue heads to the printer. But I (Ed) can include a few interesting nuggets that Andy got the 'experts' to admit. No answer why an Oxford/Cambridge link road is involving the A34 near here at all – except perhaps as a future part of ways to avoid M4 & M25. Or, answers re avoiding traffic chaos now, let alone with even more traffic, in these villages when the A34 has a problem. AND – not even a clue re the effect of the reservoir, given the building and floodplain issues (see above) as it seems that the road 'experts' hadn't given TW's scheme credence.

The suggested road routes are 'embryonic' (ie, guesswork), nobody has any thoughts re bringing forward the E/W Rail Link, neither for the possibility of upgrading the A420, to help take the strain. Travel time reductions, and future traffic volumes? Yes, also guesswork. At some far-off point, a Minister will decide. Great.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON

Dear Editor,

via Email

Sutton Courtenay must be extremely proud in the manner in which they marked the Centenary of the first World War, with a magnificent display of more than 2000 poppies made by all sections of the community. It was a wonderful representation of a village coming together.

I am saddened that we in Drayton made no effort to have any such display to commemorate the fallen on the one hundredth anniversary of the Great War.

Thank God we did have a service of Remembrance in church where the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, over forty through all the conflicts, were read out and a two minute silence observed.

Lest We Forget

Shirley Thomas



The SC photos came in from several people, but I believe the originals were by Georgia Broome (see the information below):-

To say Thank You to the WW1 generation and the 29 villagers from Sutton Courtenay who gave their lives in WWI, all whilst supporting veterans of more recent conflicts, villagers aged from 2 to 93 have made 2,232 poppies to create the **Sutton Courtenay Field of Remembrance**.

100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018 The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying #ThankYou100 to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

To say Thank You, groups in Sutton Courtenay made poppies to create the display around the war memorial on the village green, turning the village green red to raise money for The Royal British Legion. The Field of Remembrance was planted on Sat Nov 3rd and remained in place until after Remembrance Sunday.

The response from the village groups has been amazing and the final poppy count is 2,232 made by ages from 2 to 93. The groups who took part are: More Than Mosaics, the Brownies, the Beavers and Cubs, the Stay & Play toddler group, the SC Craft Group, the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project, SC CoFE Primary School, The Shed and with poppies donated by Swindon Academy. All with great support from the Parish Council and All Saints' Church. Each group used their skills and poppies were made from mosaics, recycled plastic, ceramic, acrylic wool, felt and more.

Georgia Broome, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Sutton Courtenay & Appelford, organiser of the Field of Remembrance, said: "29 villagers from Sutton Courtenay gave their lives in WWI. The Sutton Courtenay Field of Remembrance helps to keep the remembrance of their sacrifice alive whilst supporting veterans of more recent conflicts. It is beautiful and a wonderful representation of a village coming together and their varied craft skills."

The Sutton Courtenay Field of Remembrance is raising money for The Royal British Legion so please can you share the project's 'Just Giving' page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sutton-courtenay-field-of-remembrance>



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The Last in the Sequence of Drayton Memorials

Many readers will have seen the commemoration pieces we've shown in the past years, 100 years on from the dates of those from Drayton who fell in that terrible conflict. **This is the final one**, and maybe it's appropriate that his last day, 100 years ago, coincided with this issue being collated for the printer, and in the same month as the massive list of ceremonies was organised to mark the day that hopefully will never be forgotten.

Unusually in this list of local casualties, whose resting places have mostly been in Belgium or Northern France, this young man was buried right here in Drayton, though his parents are listed as living in Sutton Courtenay, and he was born in East Challow.

I haven't been able to find out much about him, the Devonshires had many active units round the war, and as a large amount of WW1 records were lost in WW2 bombing, it's unclear where he served. He died in a military hospital in Amesbury, and was brought home to be buried. Maybe go and see his grave one day?



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Ingredients 1 tbsp butter

1 large onion, finely sliced 2 x 400g tins baked beans
a few dashes of Tabasco sauce ('Chipotle' ketchup works too)
1-2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
300g mature cheddar cheese, grated
1 medium egg, lightly beaten
1 x 375g pack ready-rolled puff pastry
steamed greens, to serve

Your Method 1) Heat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas 6. Melt the butter in a frying pan on a medium heat and fry the onion for 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until soft. Leave to cool.

2) Season the beans; add the Tabasco and Worcestershire sauces. Tip into a pie dish (20cm wide x 7cm deep).

3) Mix the cheese with the softened onions and season. Scatter over the top of the beans in the dish. Brush some of the egg onto the rim of the dish, then unroll the puff pastry over the top. Trim off the excess pastry.

4) Use a fork to press down the pastry all around the edge of the pie to stick it to the dish. Brush the pastry all over with beaten egg, and make a small steam hole in the middle.

5) Bake for 40 minutes until golden brown and bubbling. Leave to rest (10 minutes), then serve with the steamed greens.

Tip Prepare to end of step 4 a few hours ahead; chill**.

(Ed's Note:- ** Yes, cook should go and have a lie-down, maybe a suitable refreshment too?) - & if so, add 10 mins to the cooking time.

If YOU have a favourite recipe, **please do share it**, e-mail it to editor@draytonchronicle.net (with a picture of it if possible)

VALE NEWS

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We have grants of up to £1,000 available for organisers to hold a community event taking place in the run up to Christmas or early next year. Grants can cover up to 75 per cent of the total costs of staging an event that is open to the local community with at least 100 people expected to attend. If you're in a group or parish council, you can apply for support and find out more at our festival and event grants website. **Applications are open until 28th February**, budget permitting. Head over to the VoWHDC site which is <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk>

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SEASONAL PUZZLE (possible solution on p17)

Y U L E		This type of puzzle is usually called a 'word ladder' (& a few ruder things too!). The aim is to change one letter at each 'step' to get from the top word to the 'target' word. Usual Scrabble rules, no Proper nouns (yes, I know Noel isn't allowed, it's in
		because it's Xmas !!). This one's a toughie, took us 7 steps – can you do it in less (may be possible) or at all?!
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Neighbourhood Planning

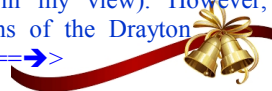
Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are the province of District Councils. However, County Councils become heavily involved over roads, schools and other infrastructure. I have been asked to write an article on NP to clarify the pros and cons, so the Expressway will have to wait until next month. I was heavily involved as a District Councillor in Drayton's NP from the outset and watched its progress, its achievements and its mistakes (as the first such plan in the Vale, there were plenty of those).

More than 5 years ago, Drayton residents attended a public meeting and saw maps of Drayton between 1720 and 2010 as evidence of inexorable growth. "Can we/should we stop such growth?" they were asked. Most thought we could not and should not and, after some persuasion, accepted that NPs were not about stopping growth. So what is the point of them? For many years, *where* houses were built was wholly the concern of planning 'experts' with an overarching strategic view, who had little understanding or knowledge of any one village or town. Local people were not trusted to be part of the decision making process as "they never want more houses". NPs were an attempt to build local knowledge of how a community functions into the decision-making process. This, it was hoped would take some of the acrimony out of the planning process. The Drayton NP strapline was "Our chance to plan our future". **So, what has it achieved?**

By sitting down with VWHDC and OCC Planners, with landowners, developers and residents, everyone began to see that there were some potential gains for all. The planning system would run more smoothly – less anger and frustration and, if done properly, it could result in better connected communities with decent infrastructure, and decent housing.

Drayton would get decent sports facilities, an improved village hall, a purpose built pre-school, and road improvements. Drayton would change from a village that everyone drove through (and no-one noticed) into a place that people wanted to live and feel part of one community. £2m+ of infrastructure was negotiated with landowners and developers. The appearance of the new houses would complement the old. And looking forward, the Drayton NP would run until 2031 with opportunities for new speculative development being drastically reduced because local people would have already decided where development should take place.

Of course, it has not all run smoothly. It took some time to convince Drayton residents that for the first time they had some power. Even now, there is some resistance from the authorities to being asked to give up some of *their* power and make room for local knowledge. In the current nationwide building frenzy, there is no doubt that some developer/builders have ignored planning conditions and been remarkably disinterested in the feelings of new residents. Some houses have been poorly built. A few last-minute, very cheeky but small additional housing developments have been allowed (mistakenly in my view). However, the overwhelming aims and aspirations of the Drayton NP have been, or are being achieved. ==>>



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=>> And what does the Drayton experience have to do with Sutton Courtenay and Marcham?

Sutton Courtenay: The OCC decision to object to any development, at least or until a new bridge over the Thames has been constructed, gives us a breathing space of at least six years (a luxury not given to Drayton) – plenty of time to produce a well-worked out NP – which is well under way. The village faces many additional issues to those faced by Drayton - an expanding MEPC, Didcot B, the Didcot Garden Town project, the landfill site, potential quarrying and so on. It is going to take much work from many local people, but the prize will be a better-connected village planned with the help of Sutton Courtenay rather than in defiance of them. (Ed's note:- I looked up MEPC, had many suggestions, eg Malawi Export Promotion Council, the Marine Environment Protection C'tee, and quite a few more. It's actually the firm that runs Milton Park, owned by BT & Royal Mail pension Funds).

And the alternative? No NP - and then back to the speculative development that the village has had to cope with over recent years with all its frustration, anger and unhappiness. I would urge all residents of Sutton Courtenay to get behind its developing NP, criticize and modify it if necessary, but help it to achieve as much and more than the Drayton NP has achieved and make maximum use of the breathing space that the OCC decision has created.

Marcham has naturally been pre-occupied in recent years with the Anson Field project, new Village Hall and Sports facilities, but meanwhile it has been subject to endless speculative development over recent years. I have no doubt the village itself could have planned things better had it had a say via a Neighbourhood Plan. Marcham's problem is that it is surrounded by developable land in all directions. For the life of the emerging Local Plan (up to 2031), the likely development has now been determined. However, I have no doubt that after 2031, Marcham will once again be under great pressure to grow. A Neighbourhood Plan will not stop the growth, but it will give residents the opportunity to have a say in how it develops at the same time as capturing a maximum amount of infrastructure money in the process.

If you have feelings on any County issues you would like me to hear, **please contact me** on richardwebber777@gmail.com or 01235 534001. **Richard Webber** (OCC Cllr, Sutton Courtenay & Marcham Division)

Parish Council Richard Williams

A report of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday Nov 12th will appear in the next issue of the Chronicle.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday Dec 10th**, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. For any new residents (perhaps some old ones too!) Gravel Lane is behind the bus shelter at The Green, across from the Post Office. The Day Centre is at the far end, only limited parking so do please walk or cycle if you can?! **Please note that, once again, this is the second Monday in the month, rather than, as is usually the case, the first.** As ever, all are welcome to attend.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling**; she may be contacted at clerk@draytonpc.org or 07909 176061, and she will ensure that messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents.

All Parish Council minutes are now **archived** on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> which also has a link to back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on the latest activities of the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other events in the village.

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Also Rodrigo Fraxino and Carol Campioni, plus Olivia their daughter, who've had a rather longer journey, from Sao Paulo in Brazil.

We hope they all enjoy living in Drayton.



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If you've paid the ransom in response to one of these e-mails please contact the police (see contact details below).

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There's a possibility that you may receive very convincing e-mails, texts and calls as the result of a data breach. **Be suspicious** about unsolicited requests for your financial or personal details.

If your financial data was compromised be on the lookout for any suspicious activity in your bank accounts. If you notice any **unauthorised transactions** contact your bank or card company.

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Ensure your dog is comfortable off a lead and **will return when you call**. **Use a muzzle** if you're concerned about your dog's behaviour in public places. **Keep your dog on a lead** when near livestock. **Your dog MUST** be wearing a collar with an identity tag bearing the owner's name and address (a phone number alone is NOT enough). **Seek advice** from your vet if you have any concerns.



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BLAST from the PAST



Well, here we are, the time of year when the Christmas Number One hit gets molested by Simon Cowell – or so they say. But it wasn't always so, just **20 years ago**, the Spice Girls made it with 'Goodbye' – ironic as they're apparently just about to say Hello again with some sort of tour (at least 4 of them).

Go back **30 years** and 'Mistletoe & Wine' was top, though also that month at #1 were Kylie and Jason Donovan with 'Especially for You'. A further 10 years back to **1978** and Mary's Boy Child (Boney M) was the big #1, but the same month saw a far more memorable hit, Ian Dury with 'Hit me with Your Rhythm Stick'!

Go on, run through it, In the deserts of Sudan, And the gardens of Japan; From Milan to Yucatan, Every woman, every man, Hit me with your rhythm stick. Hit me! Hit me!

Coming along a month later was another iconic hit, Blondie with 'Heart of Glass'. Speaking of iconic, the Xmas #1 just **50 years ago** was 'Lily The Pink' (Scaffold), but that month must have been busy in record shops, Marmalade and Ob-la-di Ob-la-da the next #1, and 'Albatross' (Fleetwood Mac) also doing well.

In fact, **looking back at 1968**, (younger readers, ask parents!), it was a **great year for classic hits**, with 'Hello Goodbye', The Mighty Quinn, Everlasting Love, Cinderella Rockefeller, Legend of Xanadu (Dave Dee etc), Lady Madonna, Congratulatoryshonnnns, Young Girl (Union Gap), Baby Come Back (Equals) and a certain Jumpin Jack Flash. And that was just the first half, later on saw Money Money, then FIRE! (Crazy World of Arthur Brown), the Beach Boys (Do It Again), I've Gotta Get a Message to You (Bee Gees), the Beatles again – Hey Jude this time, and Mary Hopkin had everyone singing to 'Those were The Days' (. . .my friend, We thought they'd never end, We'd sing & dance forever and a day).

It also had Joe Cocker rasping his way through 'With a little help from my friends', and one of my all-time pet hates, 'What a wonderful world' (Armstrong). But overall, **what a year!**



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** Our next 'USUAL' dates are **Jan 1st & Feb 5th**. BUT the **December date** is a **THURsday, 6th**, and that's due to it being the **Christmas Party!!**

If you need **transport or further information** please give me (**Jean Hager**) a call on 531558.

DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Well, I should send **Christmas & New Year greetings** to all our regular users, and indeed our many 'ad-hoc' visitors too. But, for the person who recently stole the recently purchased stand for the dishwasher (bar), maybe a fall with a broken ankle would be nice, plus a visit from burglars to purloin whatever gifts you've bought (or more likely stolen)? And if anyone knows someone with a newly 'obtained' black metal frame stand, an adjustable rectangle – sides maybe 18ins to 3ft? - but with no solid top, do let us know. **The first Dec weekend** (this issue may arrive in time) has a **Terrier show**, then the **FODSA Craft evening** on Sat, with the very popular **Carols Concert** on Sunday evening.

Our **Gentle Yoga** class has now moved from Monday mornings to Tuesdays (same time, 11am), following on from Pilates (9.30).

Bookings are whizzing in already for 2019, so as ever, parents with little birthdays to celebrate, don't leave it too late. Our party 'slots' get booked by people from quite a radius. Oh, and for anyone thinking of a new hobby/exercise, maybe consider our **Martial Arts class** (Thursday evenings, Small Hall), it's run by Paul, but check out his website <http://www.shikidojo.com> where I see he's really Shidoshi-Ho Paul (I'll stick to Paul), and the sport's full title is **Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu**.

One who won't be joining him anytime soon is Brian Stimpson, after a nasty fall in the garden a few weeks back. Brian's been all wired and plastered up, but with luck may apparently be home in early December. Brian's the chief guru of the **Sequence Dance** group (Thursday eves), but he won't be there soon either – though at least his long recovery will be easier at home. Best wishes!

Oh, nearly forgot – anyone lost a **Tambourine**? One was found last month, tell me the colour, it's yours (number – back page)

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Oxfordshire Craft Guild are running their usual selling exhibitions this month, all December up at Woodstock Museum, (not Mondays), and just for Dec 1st & 2nd, at the Arts & Crafts Market, Broad Street (Oxford). They do have some terrific items, all handcrafted, local, and some quality and unusual gift options.

Local Dog Warden is on 01235 520202 – as we seem to get frequent reports on the Families Facebook of dogs running around away from their owners?

People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) – a similar kind of idea to Cotswold above, a Gifts Catalogue to help their conservation charity work, hedgehog boxes just one of many ideas. See www.ptes.org/shop

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue are running a Christmas campaign. 1 in 3 of their house rescues are due to KITCHEN FIRES. Don't get distracted, if the phone rings, or that Amazon parcel is at the door, **turn the heat down!** Or they could be with you for dinner!

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER

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		7.15pm	FODSA Craft Evening
Sun	2	11.00am	Private Function
		7.30pm	Carols Concert (Free entry, mince pie, teas!)
Tues	4	8.00pm	Last Clubbercise session this year
Fri	7	4.00pm	Private Function
Sat	8		Private Function
Sun	9	10.30am	'Mess Around' (Franchise) Party
		2.00pm	Private Function
Mon	10	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Thur	13	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall)
Sat	15	1.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
		7.00pm	Private Function
Sun	16	9.00am	Bowls Club
Fri	21	5.00pm	FoDSA Disco
Sat	22	5.00am	Private Function
Sun	23	9.00am	Private Function
Sun	31		Private Function

Drayton Regularly Occurring Diaries

would normally appear here on the back page – but as often the case with this December issue, we're packed to the brim with ads & content, so it's had to take a back seat until next time. IF you need to check up on something, you can see a recent copy at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk> then follow links to 'Chronicle' & 'Archive'. The site has lots of other info too!

SHARED LIVES SCHEME

Do you have a spare room in your house? Share your home and **make a difference**!!

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If you have a **spare room to offer** and would like to play a **key part in making a positive difference to someone's life**, then we really want to hear from you!

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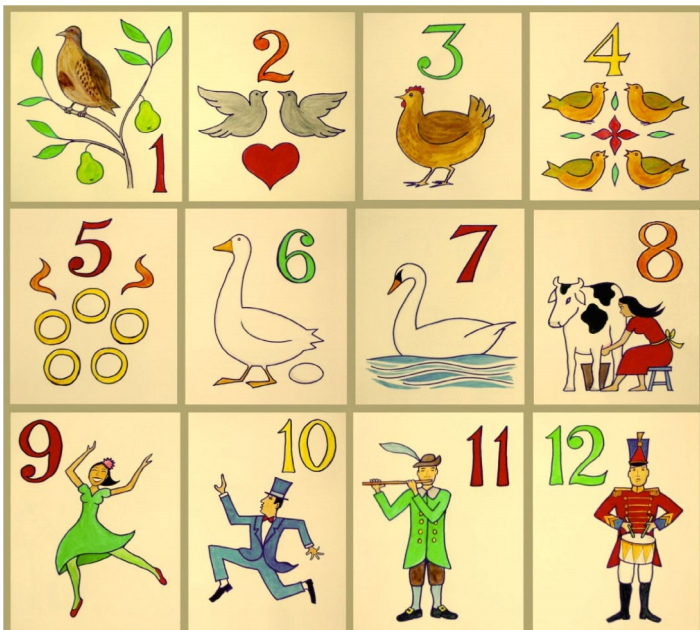
We are also holding a **drop-in session** for people to come and find out more about the service by chatting to other carers, social workers from the Shared Lives Team and people using the service. This will be held on **Thursday December 6th**, between 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3JD. We look forward to meeting you!!

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